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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries   
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI/DDCI Meeting with Chairman Louis Stokes and  
Ranking Minority Member Henry Hyde of the House  
Intelligence Committee

The meeting took place on 17 November in H-405, The Capitol. Also attending were Tom Latimer, Staff Director, Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff Director, and myself.

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Chairman Stokes drew our attention to a number of bills that had been or would soon be introduced affecting intelligence oversight. One is the Panetta bill which would make CIA subject to GAO investigations. Chairman Stokes indicated Committee opposition, which the Director joined. The Chairman urged the respective staffs to work together on this and other bills.

Apparently returning to the covert action problem of the morning, Chairman Stokes said that he could not say on the floor of the House that the Committee receives everything it wants from CIA. Although his Committee did not require information on a particular covert action that the Agency had refused to give the Senate, the Chairman believed the Agency should comply with the Senate request. Mr. Hyde added that he himself did not want everything; he was seeing enough already.

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The Director explored the Committee proposal for an early December appearance before the Committee. He made certain that it was not a substitute for regular meetings with the Committee leadership. Chairman Stokes preferred an informal gathering, perhaps with soft drinks in the Committee conference room rather than in the hearing room. Members would like to have an idea of the Director's impressions of CIA, how the Director was becoming involved in the work of CIA and the evolution of the Director's thinking about CIA now and in the future. He also thought Members would be interested to know what changes the Director is making and what situations he is looking into.

Mr. Hyde raised the issue of the Minority Report on Arms Control Monitoring. He expressed the displeasure of the minority at the unfortunate mistake which placed the minority report in the hands of the majority at the same time it reached the minority. This had embarrassed the minority investigator, Dianne Dornan. She believed that the Agency had treated the majority report on the same subject in a different fashion in that the minority had received the majority report only after the minority report became a subject of controversy. The Director asked that we check the facts and report to him.

Mr. Hyde offered a strong defense of CIA employees given adverse mention in the Iran-Contra report. He believed they were heroes, not villains. The Director responded that he was seeking to learn where candor was absent or infractions had occurred. He intended to reach conclusions about the conduct of CIA personnel approximately two weeks after publication of the Iran-Contra report. Russ Bruemmer was weighing material, reading the record and preparing to offer recommendations.

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The Chairman returned again to the legislative agenda. There was much serious work ahead for his staff and our staff. The Panetta bill was a threat because it sounded reasonable when presented on the floor and many House Members would support it. Meanwhile, the House Intelligence Committee was hiring one more auditor to comply with a recommendation in the Iran-Contra report that both Intelligence Committees enhance their auditing capabilities.

The Director objected to Mr. Brown's bill that would declassify the name of a key office concerned with overhead collection; Chairman Stokes said he had derailed the bill.

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16 NOV 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: David D. Gries, Gries  
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Monthly Meeting on 17 November with  
Representatives Stokes and Hyde

Your regular monthly meeting with Representatives Louis Stokes (D., OH) and Henry Hyde (R., IL), the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Intelligence Committee respectively, is scheduled for 17 November at 2 p.m. in Room H-405 at the Capitol. Also attending are Bob Gates and I and Tom Latimer and Tom Smeeton from the Committee Staff.

A summary of the last meeting with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde is attached at Tab A.

Suggested talking points follow:

-- Appearances before the Committee: I suggest that you open the meeting by expressing your appreciation for these periodic meetings with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde. Referring to your telephone conversation with Mr. Stokes on 10 November 1987, you can reassure him that you would welcome the opportunity to appear before the whole Committee at any time and hope that this can be arranged in the near future.

-- Committee call for a comprehensive examination of our counterintelligence organization, management and techniques: On 4 November Mr. Stokes sent you a letter, signed by all Members of the House Intelligence Committee, calling for a comprehensive, critical examination throughout the Intelligence Community of our counterintelligence organization, management and techniques.  
(See Tab B)

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this serious problem and assure Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde  
that every effort will be made to conduct a thorough  
review so that we can remedy this situation.

-- Congressional Oversight: There are three issues  
involving proposals for further controls of the Agency  
with which you are already very familiar and which you  
will want to discuss with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde. These  
issues will be particularly pertinent given the fact that  
the Iran/Contra report will be released on the day of your  
meeting. The proposals include a statutory Inspector  
General and Senate confirmation of the General Counsel,  
both of which are recommendations contained in the Iran/  
Contra report. Furthermore, also on the horizon is the  
Panetta Bill which calls for the General Accounting Office  
to conduct audits of the Agency. We are against these  
proposals and you may wish to use this opportunity to  
express your opposition to them. Mr. Hyde at least has  
already expressed his opposition to the Panetta Bill, and  
we believe Mr. Stokes may share that opinion because the  
Bill would infringe on the responsibilities of our  
Oversight Committees.

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-- Congressman Brown's (D., CA) planned legislation to acknowledge the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO):  
Congressman Brown has approached Mr. Stokes concerning his desire to introduce a bill declassifying the NRO. We understand he cannot act unilaterally and must proceed through formal Committee procedures. Some House Intelligence Committee staffers indicate they do not oppose the plan since they reason the NRO has already been publicized in various press articles and is therefore now in the public domain. It might be useful to alert Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde of our concern about Mr. Brown's planned initiative and note that although the NRO has been publicized, official acknowledgment of the existence of the NRO will likely erode the security of other, still classified, aspects of the NRO and related activities.

cc: DDCI

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

(Stokes/Hyde Monthly Meeting)  
17 November 1987

- Appearances before the Committee
- Committee call for a comprehensive examination of our counterintelligence organization, management and techniques
- Congressional oversight



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- Congressman Brown's planned legislation to acknowledge the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)



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1 October 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries *DD*  
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI/DDCI Meeting with Chairman Stokes and Ranking  
Minority Member Hyde of the House Intelligence Committee

The meeting took place over breakfast on 1 October. The Director hosted. Also attending were the Deputy Director; Tom Latimer, Staff Director; Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff Director; and myself.

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Off-site Conference: The Director extended an invitation for the evening of 8 November to both Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde to attend the off-site conference of the Intelligence Community, which he said would convene [redacted] on 8 and 9 November. 25X1  
Mr. Hyde said that he could attend on Monday morning, 9 November, provided he could find suitable transportation from Miami.  
Mr. Stokes consulted what appeared to be his appointment book but made no comment. (I will follow up with both.)

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Sworn Testimony: The Director did not care greatly about being sworn because he always considered himself under oath when testifying before Congress. Others in the Intelligence Community felt differently, and the Director feared that, as a consequence,

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the level of candor which the Committee desired might be lost. Concern was running high in the Intelligence Community. Mr. Stokes appreciated the concern but explained that the Committee had expressed its own concerns when writing the letter about sworn testimony. These concerns grew out of situations where Agency witnesses displayed a lack of candor. Mr. Stokes agreed that swearing witnesses might not bring greater candor; however, the Committee was invoking Rule 4 as a way of saying that it had tried to induce candor without the oath, had failed, and now wanted to try to induce candor with the oath. Mr. Stokes hoped the problem of sworn testimony could be solved, and Mr. Hyde added his hope that the requirement would be levied sparingly.

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Arms Control: The Director raised our concern about inadvertently spreading knowledge of our arms control monitoring and verification capabilities, and both Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde agreed to help us confine briefings to the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence Committees. Mr. Hyde asked rhetorically whether the Committee should ask the Speaker for help.

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Embassy Security: Mr. Hyde expressed concern about embassy security, describing it as universally bad. He wondered whether the Department of State was competent to solve the problem. Did it have the will to do what needed to be done? Disclaiming detailed knowledge of the problem, he asked whether the Committee could help the Director in any way. The Director said he had similar concerns and had seen signs at State of trying to wiggle out of a tight spot by appearing conciliatory but perhaps without the will to finish the job. The intelligence community had studied the problem, the Director said, and had devised proposals for setting standards for property, people, and technical security. All three must march in tandem, for one weak link would undercut everything. The Director favored an independent unit appointed by the DCI and reporting not to State, but to an advisory board. The independent unit would be charged with setting standards for property, people and technical issues and then with monitoring compliance. The independent unit could withhold certification of an embassy if necessary. The Director and Secretary Schultz had written to the President directly, giving their views. In the main they agreed on solutions, but there were some areas of disagreement. Mr. Hyde urged the Director not to be influenced by the need for comity with the Secretary. The Deputy Director described his experience at hearings of the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee, at which Mr. Rogers had challenged the Agency's competence to learn what had been done to the embassy in Moscow and Mr. Smith had expressed uncertainty about solutions. Mr. Stokes said Mr. Smith had also expressed his concerns directly to him. It was concluded that there was value in presenting the House Intelligence Committee with a detailed briefing, perhaps with Mr. Smith in attendance. (House Division: please follow up.)

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